United Nations E/CN.5/2006/L.1

Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited
15 February 2006

Original: English

Commission for Social Development
Forty-fourth session
8-17 February 2006
Agenda item 5
Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fourth session

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Victor **Leu** (Republic of Moldova)

Chapter ____. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-fourth session at United Nations Headquarters on 18 February 2005 and from 8 to 17 February 2006. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in annex ____ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

3. In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210 of 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided that immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairperson and other members of the Bureau. In pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation at its 1st meeting, on 18 February 2005:

06-24552 (E) 160206

Chairperson:
Ernesto Araníbar Quiroga (Bolivia)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Valérie Bruell-Melchior (Monaco)
Victor Leu (Republic of Moldova)

4. Also at its 1st meeting, the Commission postponed the election of the remaining members of the Bureau.

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 February 2006, the Commission was informed that Mr. Araníbar Quiroga could no longer carry out his functions as Chairperson.

6. Accordingly, the Commission proceeded to elect Javier Loayza Barea (Bolivia), by acclamation, as Chairperson to replace Mr. Araníbar Quiroga.

7. At the same meeting, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Nina Saraswati Djajaprawira (Indonesia) and Luvuyo Lonsdale Ndimeni (South Africa) as Vice-Chairpersons, thus completing the election of the Bureau for the forty-fourth session.

8. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Commission designated Victor Leu (Republic of Moldova) to also assume the responsibilities of Rapporteur for the session.

D. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.5/2006/1, as revised. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: further review of the methods of work of the Commission.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: review of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;
      (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
      (iv) Family issues, policies and programmes.
4. Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Commission.
5. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-fourth session.

10. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in annex I to document E/CN.5/2006/1.

E. Documentation

11. The list of documents before the Commission at its forty-fourth session is contained in annex ____ to the present report.